men, but it dwindled before night into almost nothing. Such is the present situation of our affairs it is bad eno' but may be worse, a few days will determine and afford us either a small respit or greatly add to the distress and confusion of this place.

With great Respect, I am Gent¹ Your most obed^t Servant, Mat. Tilghman.

I can't see how the council or the delegates to Congress can suppress any part of the proceedings of Convention.

c. s. j

Wednesday, December 4th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday except M^r Hall. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Robert Read for the use of Doct^r William Bordley thirty two Pounds and nine Pence Currency.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to M^r Edward Gale twenty Pair of Shoes for his Recruits for the

Artillery Service of this State.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to M^r John Campbell seventeen Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M' Aquila Randall

twelve Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original.

[M. Driver to Council.]

December 4th 1776.

Gentlemen

Inclosed you have the Determination of the Court Martial

for the Trial of Capⁿ John Fauntleroy.

And I think it my duty to Inform you that after the Court came to the Inclosed determination, Capⁿ Fauntleroy behaved in a very rude and Insolent maner to the said Court Declaring that he did not think himself Bound even to attend the said Court nor to Return to his former duty in Battalion, while ever his Commanding officer who complain'd against him was Continued over him, and offered in the Presence of the Court to give Col^o Stainton fifty Pounds to Exchange a Ball with him, and at the same time said the Court had Discharged the matter, and looked upon it no more than a mock Trial

I am Gentlemen Your most Humble Servi Mat. Driver